

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraphs as indicated:

[001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/033,783 filed December 27, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of presently pending U.S. Application No. 09/723,900 filed November 28, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of presently pending U.S. Application No. 09/362,774 filed July 28, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,212,835, which is a continuation-in-part of presently pending U.S. serial no. 09/163,590 filed September 30, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,276,101, which is a continuation-in-part of presently pending U.S. serial no. 08/969,257 filed November 13, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,112,481, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. serial no. 08/770,396 filed December 20, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. serial no. 08/379,716 filed January 27, 1995, now abandoned.

[0222] With reference to Figure 73, an exterior trim assembly 1000 according to another embodiment of the present invention is shown. The exterior trim assembly 1000 includes a mantle base 1002 for attachment above a window or door and a decorative mantle cover 1004 for mating with the mantle base 1002 in accordance with the previous embodiment of the invention as shown in Figure 64 and specifically Figure 66. A decorative key stone can be added to the face of the mantle cover 1004 by first attaching key stone base 1032a to mantle cover 1004 and then snapping the key stone cover 1032a over key stone base 1032b and mantle cover 1004.

[0223] Exterior trim assembly 1000 further includes first and second pilaster bases 1006, 1008 to be attached on either side of the window or door. First and second pilaster cover plates 1014, 1016 are then attached to pilaster bases 1006, 2006, 1008 respectively. Each pilaster base 1006, 1008 includes a central portion 1012 and on each end thereof an end portion 1010. End portions 1010 comprise a plurality of reinforcement ribs 1031 with planar portions 1023 extending between adjacent ones of reinforcement ribs 1031. Reinforcement ribs 1031 are generally of an inverted U-shaped cross-section. End portions 1010 further include a plurality of regularly spaced notches 1027 along each side thereof and generally in line with ribs 1031. The plurality of reinforcement ribs 1031 in combination with the intervening planar portions 1023 form a regularly repeating structural segment. Central portion 1012 comprises a plurality of alternating planar portions 1025 and reinforcement ribs 1026 to form a second repeating structural configuration in the central portion 1012 of pilaster bases 1006, 1008. The planar portions 1025 include indentations 1028 for allowing removal of the covers 1014, 1016 from the bases 1006, 1008. Reinforcement ribs 1026 and 1031 are also generally of an inverted U-shaped cross-section. Ribs 1026 and 1031 include apertures 1030 in the base of the U-shape for receiving fasteners such as fasteners 934, as shown in Figure 66, for attaching pilaster bases 1006, 1008 to the building structure adjacent the sides of the window or door which is to be trimmed by exterior trim assembly 1000. Planar portions 1023 and 1025 include slots 1024 therethrough for receiving alternate fasteners (not shown) to affix pilaster bases 1006, 1008 to the building structure. Slots 1024 can receive standard building fasteners, for example nails or screws. The planar portions 1023 and 1025 are intended to abut the building structure to which bases 1006, 1008 are to be attached. End portions 1010 include a plurality of notches 1027 shown generally adjacent the ribs 1031. Central portion 1012 includes a plurality of regularly spaced lugs 1029 extending

outwardly from the sides of central portion 1012 and generally in line with ribs 1026. The regularly repeating structural configuration of pilaster bases 1006, 1008 facilitate the trimming at end portions 1010 thereof to custom fit the pilasters to the respective height of the door or window to which the pilaster is to be attached.

[0225] As shown in Figure 74 decorative ends 1018 and 1020 include inwardly facing projections 1034 that are received in notches 1027 coinciding with reinforcement ribs 1031 of pilaster base end portions 1010. Referring to Figure 75, the pilaster covers 1014, 1016 include blind recesses 1043 and ~~Similarly,~~ when pilaster covers 1014, 1016 are snapped over respective pilaster bases 1006, 1008, the lugs 1029 ~~extending outwardly from pilaster base central portion 1012~~ are received in correspondingly positioned blind recesses 1043 ~~facing the inside of covers 1014, 1016~~. Blind recesses 1043 do not extend through the entire thickness of the side of decorative portion 1022 thereby maintaining a smooth aesthetic exterior to covers 1014, 1016. Lugs 1029 are sized to extend outwardly from pilaster base central portion 1012 a distance not exceeding the depth of blind recesses 1043 in pilaster cover central portion 1022 as shown in Figure 75.